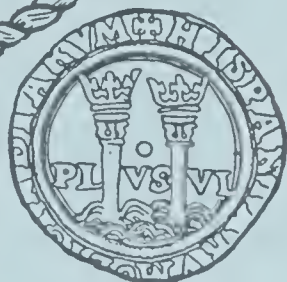


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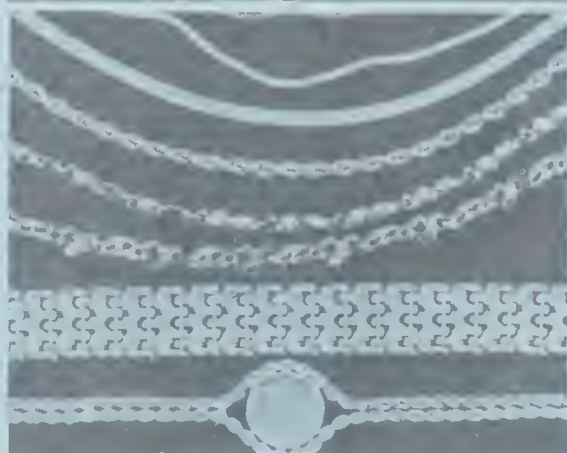
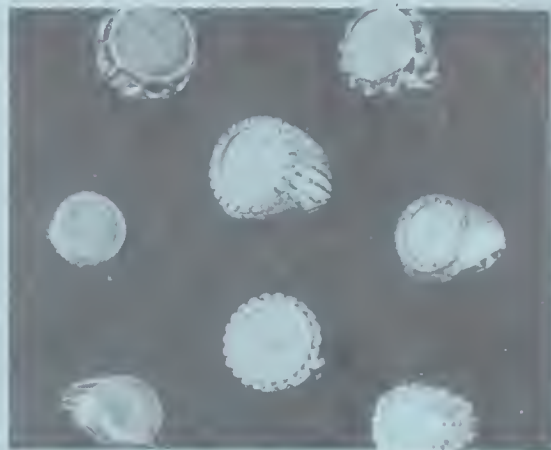


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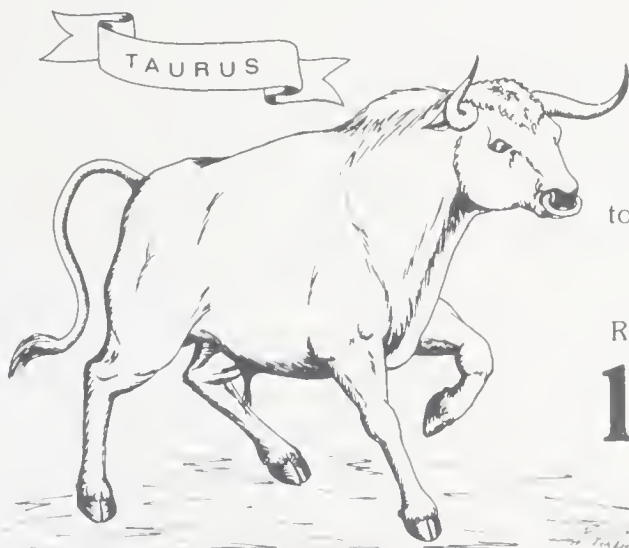
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The June issue will be devoted  
to TNA convention activities.

REMEMBER — The  
**1<sup>st</sup>** of June is the dead-  
line for the July issue  
of **TNA NEWS**.

# COMMEMORATIVE HONORS BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

Frank Galindo,  
San Antonio, Texas

Booker T. Washington, the first black American to be honored on a United States commemorative coin, was born a slave in a small log cabin near a crossroads post office called Hale's Ford, in Franklin County, Va.

Sources indicate that he was born between 1856-59 but the exact date is not known.

Today he is remembered for his out-

of the Booker T. Washington coin issued. This coin, designed by Isaac Hathaway, a black sculptor, shows the bust of Washington on one side and his log cabin birthplace on the other.

When the Civil War ended and the slaves were freed, Washington's stepfather sent for the family to join him in Kanawha W. Va. A short time later, young Washington convinced his mother



**Frank Galindo looks over the “magnified” Booker T. Washington Memorial coin . . .**

standing contributions to the advancement of educational opportunities for blacks. His help with the organization of the Tuskegee Institute and his establishment of the National Negro Business League were two of his greatest accomplishments.

Commemorative issues are special coins issued either to commemorate events, places, or things and to honor historical persons. First issued in 1946, there were more than three million pieces

to obtain a book for him to study. His very own first book was an old copy of Webster's blue-back spelling book, which contained the alphabet.

He wrote in his autobiography, “From the time that I can remember having any thoughts about anything, I recall that I had an intense longing to learn to read.”

His first experience with education was, as a youngster, talking a teacher

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# THE STORY BEHIND THE COIN

Lee Grossman,  
San Antonio, Tx.

## HE MADE AN UNIFIED PRUSSIA POSSIBLE

History is a fascinating subject. I suppose most young people don't like it because there is so much of it. I reckon some folks my age kind of like history 'cause there wasn't so much of it when we were school kids.

Countries emerge and disappear; kings and emperors reign for as little as three or four days. As numismatists, we can go back in history almost every time we look at a coin.

Let us go back in time with a coin of Friedrich Wilhelm IV of Prussia. But first, let us go back to the beginning. Prussia's start was prior to the 10th century. By 1618, it was elevated to a duchy as a vassal state of Poland. In 1660, it became independent of Poland, and, in 1701 became a kingdom. The kingdom gained in power, through the military genius of Friedrich II, known in history as Friedrich the Great. By 1740, the country was a major power in Europe, and decided to invade Silesia, an Austrian province. This caused the War of the Austrian Succession, and by the end of the Seven Years' War in 1763, Silesia was part of Prussia, and in 1772, Polish Royal Prussia was added.

The defeat of Napoleon at the Battle of Waterloo in 1815 resulted in the fall of the French Empire, and the rise of Prussia. From 1801 to 1805, during the Napoleonic Wars, Prussia had been dominated by Napoleon I, Emperor of France. Because of this domination, Friedrich Wilhelm III joined a coalition against Napoleon. The king was defeated and much of his terri-

tory was lost. This brings us to Friedrich Wilhelm IV.

Friedrich Wilhelm IV was born October 15, 1795. He married Princess Elizabeth of Bavaria in 1823, but they had no issue to succeed him. Friedrich Wilhelm IV became King of Prussia in 1840, when he succeeded his father, Friedrich Wilhelm III. His opposition to the new constitution established by his father was the direct cause of the revolution of 1848, which he crushed. The following year, he was offered the title of emperor, but declined it. Shortly after, he summoned a national parliament at Erfurt for the purpose of uniting the German states under a new constitution. The meeting finally resulted in the establishment of a representative parliament. Through it the German states were solidified and a spirit of nationalism developed.

A paralytic stroke in 1857 clouded his mind and led to the appointment of his brother, Wilhelm, as Regent, on October 7, 1858. Wilhelm succeeded to the throne upon the death of Friedrich Wilhelm IV on January 2, 1861.

So you see, it was in the reign of Friedrich Wilhelm IV that Prussia emerged as the major German power of Western Europe. By 1849, almost all of the German states were economically linked with Prussia.

Copper, billon (low-grade silver), silver and gold coins were issued, as well as gold Trade coins.

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## from the 2nd vice president

**Texas Numismatic Association**

Gerald W. Kendall  
Box 55545, Houston, TX. 77055



We attended the Gateway Coin Club show in San Antonio March 5-6 arriving on Saturday afternoon and leaving on Sunday afternoon. We did not see the full impact of public attendance but it seemed to me that there were fewer buyers than the dealers would have liked to have seen.

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We note that the trade journals still are telling of world records in sales and in auctions. However, the simple fact is that these are world rarities. These items are still fetching in the high-five figure and the mid-six figure ranges. Those of us who remember the good old days of the early 1960s and mid-1960s can verify that the common items are still common and the rare items are still rare. We can remem-

ber the advertisements which ran huge captions proclaiming "rare rolls and rare bags." Then came the crash of 1966 and the walls came tumbling down. Those "rare rolls and rare bags" fell to the point of 5% above face if that much. Good material stood with heads bloodied but unbowed. By the good materials I mean uncirculated Barbers, Walking and Standing Liberties. But, alas, the poor 1950D nickel which wholesaled at over \$1,000 per roll still has a far way to go to recover.

A good rule of the thumb which I always use is this: A rare coin is not one which can always be bought at a high price but one which cannot be found even when one has the cash in his hands. I have looked for one certain token for a year now and that means searching the ANA convention.

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# from the secretary

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WELCOME to new members 4310-4329. If approved the following will become members June 1, 1983.

4330 (D-6) J. H. Richardson, 5304 Maple, Bellaire, TX. 77401. Mex., US., Can., GB. Howard Luke.

4331 Mathew T. DeRoma, Box 1389, Flushing, N.Y. 11352. California gold. John C. Face.

4332 William Lower, Ithaca, N.Y. 14850. Silver dollars. Roger P. Bryan.

4333 (D-7) Samuel Haslam, 111 Greenway, Del Rio, TX. 78840. Commemorative & Mexican. John C. Face.

4334 (D-1) William L. Short, 2109 Vista Ridge Ct., Arlington, TX. 76013. Gerald Kendall.

4335 (D-4) Ken Davidson, 3004 Guadalupe, Austin, TX. 78705. Dealer - Capital Coin Co. Gerald Kendall.

4336 (D-8) James Andrews, 2709 Spid, Corpus Christi, TX. 78415. Gold & Silver coins. Joe B. Davis.

4337 Sal Fusco, 7000 E. Camelback Rd., Scottsdale, AZ. 85251. Jerry Moskowitz.

4338 Bobby Goldstein, 7000 E. Camelback Rd., Scottsdale, AZ. 85251. Dealer. Jerry Moskowitz.

J-4339 Sammy Torres, 4312 Rosebeary SW., Albuquerque, N.M. 87105. Bob Bills, Tex Coin Club.

4340 Mike O'Higgins, 1041 Lincoln Rd., Miami Beach, FL. 33139. Eleanor Kennady.

4341 Myron Fishman, 2258 Grissom, St. Louis, MO. 63141. U.S. type. John C. Face.

4342 (D-5) Robert Shields, 1229 S. Austin, Denison, TX. 75020. John C. Face.

4343 Robert Chapman, Box 18867, Wichita, KS. 67218. Dealer. John Wayne Highfill.

4344 Gerald Engel, Box 11, Kendall, FL. 33156. Foreign, U.S., coins, tokens. John C. Face.

4345 Michael J. Faraone, Box 537, USAF Academy, Colo. 80840. Silver dollars. Roger P. Bryan.

4346 (D-3) Leslie S. Ashe, 3757 Purdue Lane, Abilene, TX. 79601. Bob Bills. Tex Coin Club.

4347 (D-8) Reed Greene, 7209-0 Sparkle Sea, Corpus Christi, TX. 78412. Am. silver (pre-1965). Rosenda Barrera.

4348 (D-8) David A. Walzel, 4009 Kevin St., Corpus Christi, TX. 78413. All coins. Joe B. Davis.

4349 Butch Stephens, Rt. 3 Box 325, Miami, OK. 74350. Coins & stamps. Howard & John Luke.

4350 (D-16) George Lyda, Box 127,  
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# from the treasurer

## Texas Numismatic Association

Stanford M. Kennady  
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Balance on hand as of Feb. 28, 1983 ..... 5,067.04

### RECEIPTS:

TNA Dues .....	979.00	
<b>TNA NEWS</b> Ads .....	347.00	
Sale of 1983 Medals .....	1,624.90	
Interest earned on checking account .....	19.95	
Donations to Mini- <b>TNA NEWS</b> .....	203.00	
Donation to Library .....	6.00	3,179.85
		<u>8,246.89</u>

### DISBURSEMENTS:

TNA Secretary - February payment .....	150.00	
<b>TNA NEWS</b> Editor - March travel allowance and February petty cash .....	228.96	
Lloyd Colvin - President's expenses (long distance calls) .....	150.00	
Dues check returned .....	5.00	
Luke Coin Supply - purchase of 50 lapel pins .....	249.53	
Banner Printing Co. ....	1,241.65	
February issue - 1250 copies .....	1,022.50	
Postage .....	144.15	
Handling .....	75.00	
Fred Sweeney - Refund dues overpayment .....	8.00	
TNA Secretary - postage, petty cash, and supplies .....	288.01	
Luke Coin Supply - Balance due on 1983 medals .....	1,538.82	
River Oaks Prtg. - Medals Certificates .....	44.94	3,904.91
		<u>4,341.98</u>
Balance on hand as of Mar. 31, 1983 .....		4,341.98
* Operating Funds .....	4,230.09	*
* Encumbered Funds .....	111.89	*

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# junior readin' roundup

**Texas Numismatic Association**

Todd Shewmaker - Youth Chairman  
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As you juniors know going to a coin show can be a lot of fun, but there are some obstacles you may encounter. One such obstacle is meeting certain dealers who really don't care for kids. Their first impression of you is that you're probably ignorant and that you probably don't have any money so you're not going to buy anything anyway. Then they treat you like you're not even there.

I collect ancient coins and I enjoy looking for them at shows. At one show, a dealer had a box of ancients in his case. I asked him if I could see his ancients, and he said "No, I don't have any." This can

be very discouraging to a beginner.

## **DON'T BE DISCOURAGED.**

There are some dealers who would like to spend some time with you, but there are some things that young collectors should remember when they go to a coin show. You shouldn't block a dealer's table for a long period of time; don't interrupt dealers when they're helping other customers, but come back later when they are not so busy.

Coin shows can be a learning experience. Don't be afraid to ask questions because some dealers will be happy to answer them.



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# EVENTS CALENDAR

## MAY 13-15

**OKLAHOMA NUMISMATIC ASSN.**, 7th annual convention, Lincoln Plaza Forum, Oklahoma City.  
**BOURSE:** Wilbert's World Coins, Box 10983, Midwest City, Okla. 73140.

## MAY 21-22

**AMARILLO COIN CLUB**, Spring Show, Civic Center. **BOURSE:** Homer Dotts, 1315 Dahlia, Amarillo 79107, 806/383-8680.

## MAY 21-22

**VICTORIA NUMISMATIC CLUB**, 22nd annual coin show, Community Center Annex, 2905 E. North St.  
**BOURSE:** Graves L. Rouse, Box 1183, Victoria 77902-1183.

## JUNE 4-5

**GARLAND COIN CLUB**, coin show, Sheraton Inn, Dallas Northeast.  
**BOURSE:** Billy D. Gilbreath, Box 401303, Garland 75040.

## JUNE 25-26

**GREATER ORANGE COIN CLUB**, annual show, Orange House Inn.

## JULY 22-24

**DALLAS COIN CLUB**, coin show, North Park Inn, Grand Ballroom.  
**WRITE:** Show, Box 7673, Dallas 75209.

## AUGUST 4-7

**SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL-**

**AL NUMISMATICS**, Sincon III, Airport Part Hotel, Inglewood, Calif.  
**WRITE:** Box 943, Santa Monica, Calif. 90406.

## AUGUST 6-7

**BELLAIRE COIN CLUB**, annual show. Community Center, 7000 S. Rice.  
**BOURSE:** Club, Box 303, Bellaire 77401.

## AUGUST 27-28

**SUMMER COIN & STAMP SHOW**, Green Oaks Inn, 6901 West Freeway. **WRITE:** Joe Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch, Ft. Worth 76118.

## SEPTEMBER 10-11

**ROSE CITY COIN CLUB**, 4th annual coin show, Tyler. **WRITE:** Club, Box 4900 Dept. 1026, Tyler 75712.

## SEPTEMBER 10-11

**SAN ANGELO COIN CLUB**, annual show. **WRITE:** Club, Box 2414, San Angelo 76901.

## SEPTEMBER 11

**BEEVILLE COIN CLUB**, 16th annual show, Student Center, Bee County College, Charco Rd. at U.S. 81.  
**BOURSE:** Edward F. Brown, Box 209, Beeville 78102.

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# TIM'S KOIN KORNER

W. L. Timmons

Dallas, Tx.

Four different Napoleon Bonapartes have been involved in French history, two are on coins issued for general circulation (I & III). The other two (II & IV) are on so-called "pretender" issues listed on Page 582 of Krause's 1983 World Coins.

Napoleon I was born August 15, 1769 at Ajaccio, Corsica. Enrolled in a military school at age 10, he was given a commission as a second lieutenant in artillery in January 1786. He joined the French revolutionary movement, where he quickly promoted through the ranks to a brigadier general. He was a talented administrator and a military genius. In 1794 when Robespierre fell from power in the French government, Napoleon was briefly suspended and placed under arrest as a reaction to the violent reign of Robespierre.

After many military victories he took over the government (called the Coup d'Etat of Eighteenth Brumaire) on November 9, 1799. He set up a new government consisting of three members called the consulate, and he became First Consul. Later he changed his title to Emperor (May 1804). He married Josephine in 1796, but never had an heir, so he divorced her and married Marie Louise of Austria in 1810. By her he had a son, Napoleon II (1811 - 1832). He was never strong and died of tuberculosis at age 21. He lived in Austria and twice Napoleon tried to get his son proclaimed Napoleon II, but the French ignored him.

Napoleon's downfall resulted from the campaign against Russia in 1812. He marched into Russia with an army of 600,000 men. The Russians slowly re-

treated before him, destroying everything in his path. When he arrived in Moscow he found himself surrounded by ruins. The freezing Russian winter was approaching and Napoleon had no choice but to turn back and begin the long retreat from Moscow. They struggled homeward against snowstorms and terrible cold. They became weak because they had so little food, and they were attacked as they trudged through snow and tried to cross rivers. He lost 350,000 men who were killed, captured or deserted in that campaign. That defeat showed he wasn't invincible and caused a new alliance of countries that wanted to defeat him.

By 1814 after many of his friends and allies had deserted him, he decided his cause was hopeless. He abdicated and was made ruler of the tiny island of Elba off the coast of Italy. In February 1815 he escaped from Elba and started the famous 100 days campaign, ending with his defeat at Waterloo. He ruled once again. The Germans and English had separate armies against him, and his defeat came at the Belgian village of Waterloo on June 18, 1815. The Allied armies exiled him to the island of St. Helena, where, my encyclopedia says he died of cancer. However *Reader's Digest* of August 1982 has a different version. A condensation of a book "The Murder of Napoleon" charges that he was murdered with small doses of arsenic in his wine. It was proven 150 years later by analyzing hair that was shaven from his head and given as souvenirs to friends and supporters. Since

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# TEXAS

## District Meetings

### DISTRICT I -

Members of **Stephenville Coin Club** are making plans to participate in National Coin Week during April by displaying coins at local banks. Also discussed were plans for hosting a coin show.

Four new members joined the club which meets twice a month at Red Bandana Steak House. Attendance averages 20 to 30 at each meeting. - **Lorene Randals, Sec.**



**Morris Johnson**  
Governor

### DISTRICT II -

A slide program on U.S. gold coins was presented at the meeting of **Odessa Coin Club** held at Ector County Library. Eight members attended.

A special letter was sent to members and guests to attend a showing of the film "The Franklin Mint" at the April meeting. Efforts are being made to increase membership and attendance, especially juniors. - **August H. Ganze Jr., Gov. Dist. 2.**



**August H. Ganze Jr.**  
Governor

**The March meeting of Midland Coin Club** was held at Midland College with eight in attendance. Final plans were discussed for the coin show held on April 9-10. Everyone was looking forward to the first show in Midland in many years and hoped that it would become an annual event.

A slide show on "Silver Dollar Varieties" was shown. - **August H. Ganze Jr., Gov. Dist. II.**

### DISTRICT III -

**Key City Coin Club** members met in March at United Savings in Abilene with 25 members and six guests present. The meeting opened with a door prize drawing won by Wayne Bailey.

John Treadaway was to be in charge of the program at the April meeting. Plans called for a slide set showing. An auction was held. - **Frances Thornton, Sec.**

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## DISTRICT V -

**Numismatics International** of Dallas is announcing the 5th annual NI Coin Exposition to be held in the newly opened Dallas Marriott Hotel Quorum on November 11-13. This new 563-room hotel is surrounded by shopping malls, fine restaurants, an indoor/outdoor pool, exercise room and saunas.

NICE 83 is jointly sponsored by NI, **The International Banknote Society** and **Society for Ancient Numismatics**. All three organizations will have meetings and educational programs. There will be space for over 70 dealers. For further information write: Ross Schraeder, NICE 83, Box 6094, Richardson 75080.

"Chinese Coins and Other Items of Interest" was the topic discussed by James Bonds at the meeting of **Garland Coin Club** held at Garland Women's Bldg. Bonds showed slides and coins of early dynasties of China and exhibited artifacts from his collection. He donated two Chinese coins for prizes in a special drawing, winners being Lucretia Johnson and Marc Morgan.

Conrad Kelley won the door prize and C. C. Andrews conducted the auction. **-Lucretia Johnson, Sec.**

Ron Blaha gave a slide program on "U.S. Large Cents" at the recent meeting of **Dallas Coin Club**. Large cents were minted from 1793 through 1857 except for the year 1815. Slides of differ-

ent types were shown, along with slides of over-dates, errors and die breaks.

The auction was conducted by Landie McMains and Dean Walker won the door prize.

It was announced that Jim Doolin helped found the **Christopher Columbus Philatelic Society** and interested persons should contact Doolin at 741-3607. Get-Well wishes were expressed for Tom Bain, Ralph Crabtree and Arthur Smith. **- Frank Clark, Sec.**

## DISTRICT VI -

New officers were nominated to serve **Greater Houston Coin Club** and include: Bernard Loebe, president; Fred Baker, vice president; Rueben Canales, treasurer; Melvin L. Neal, secretary/editor; and Fred Kluppel, Terry Burke, board members.



Al Loja  
Governor

Members voted to change meeting locations to First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin. New members to be voted on are Wayne Chaney, Terry Brundle and Walter Carson. Program for the month was a trade, swap, exchange, get together, mingle session and an auction. **- Club Bulletin.**

Fred Baker was to have charge of the program at the April 4 meeting of **Bel-laire Coin Club**. His subject for discussion was to be the "Maria Theresa

Thaler" from Australia. The club logo is adopted from this coin.

At the April 18 meeting, a business meeting and auction was planned.

**- Club Bulletin.**

### DISTRICT VII -

Lee Grossman gave a program on "Muhammad II - His Ottoman Empire Brought an End to the Byzantine Empire" at one of the March meetings of **Alamo Coin Club**, San Antonio. Lee said that the Turks still consider Muhammed II an object of reverence. An auction followed the program.

By popular demand a "Dutch Auction" was conducted by Lee at the March 24 meeting along with a numismatic quiz. Special guests attending were Mac and Eleanor Kennady of Austin, TNA treasurer and secretary. **- Club Bulletin.**



**Frank Galindo**  
Governor

### DISTRICT VIII -

Final plans were reviewed at the March meetings of **Corpus Christi Coin Club** for the TNA convention on April 15-17 and all committees reported "Ready."

On March 8, the club participated in a show and tell pro-



**Joe B. Davis**  
Governor

gram and on March 22, Glen Littrell spoke on "God in the White House."

**- Club Bulletin.**

Louis Gonzales was in charge of Games Night at the March 1 meeting of **Liberty Coin Club** of Corpus Christi. On March 15, Ross Barrera told the group about "Specimen Currency" and on March 29, Tom Jasek talked on over-dates. **- Club Bulletin.**

### DISTRICT IX -

Twenty-seven were present for the March meeting of **South Plains Coin Club** of Lubbock, when plans were completed for the annual show in March.

Dr. Rouse, professor of banking at Texas Tech University, was speaker for the evening. Dr. Rouse described money uses in commodities and noted that 16 states have produced silver which at the present time is being sold as investments.

John Gamble presented a slide set and report on a private vault, The Fortress.

**- D.O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.**

D.O. Joplin thanked members of **Levelland Coin Club** for the assistance from the club and members over the past 14 years while he served as TNA governor.

The group discussed and made plans to attend the TNA convention. **- D.O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.**

Larry Sanderson conducted the March meeting of **Lamb County Coin Club** held at Summit Savings. Eight were

present.

D.O. Joplin expressed thanks for the support club members had shown while he served as TNA governor. - **D.O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.**

### **DISTRICT XI -**

Dave Cervin gave the program at the March meeting of **Amarillo Coin Club**. he spoke on "Chi Rho Coins." A market report was given by Gordon Boyle and Addie Cluck was winner of the junior quiz.

Door prize winners were Dan Orick, Jim Jordan, Nola Cummings, Curtis Maple and Ernest Cummings. Linda Runkle won the special Chi Rho coin given by Cervin.

Committees are being organized for the TNA convention scheduled in Amarillo in 1984. - **Nela Runkle, Gov. Dist. 11.**

### **DISTRICT XIII -**

At the March 17 meeting of **Wichita Falls Stamp & Coin Club**, Senior Airman Mary A. Henning of Sheppard Air Force Base security police provided a program concerning home and personal security and protection of property. Using a film produced by the Air Force she emphasized that a burglar could clean out your home of all valuables in seven minutes and less. She reminded that careless signs alert a burglar that no one is at home and he is safe to pursue his plans. She discussed precautions which should be taken to prevent loss and mentioned that the Wichita Falls Police Dept. will survey one's property and note what can be done for further protection. The

department will make routine surveillance if requested and will help set up neighborhood watch programs.

A junior door prize was provided by Logan Essex. An auction was conducted by Conley O'Bryan and Jim Talley. Thirty-eight members and guests attended. - **Pauline Copelin, Sec.**

### **DISTRICT XIV -**

Walter Cross, vice president of **Hidalgo Coin Club**, stepped up to presidency due to the resignation of Bill Parcell. A new vice president will be elected at the next meeting to be held at McAllen State Bank.

Norma Mather told the 44 members and guests about the TNA convention in Corpus Christi and urged those who could to enter exhibits.

National Coin Week plans included three display cases placed in McAllen Memorial Library, one in Hidalgo County Historical Museum in Edinburg and other locations in the county. - **Ada Lee Chisum, Gov. Dist. 14**



**Ada Lee Chisum**  
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## DISTRICT XV -

A discussion on final show plans was held at the **Greater Port Arthur Coin Club** meeting at Nederland City Hall. The show was held in March. Committees were: hostess -



Jerry A. Williams  
Governor

Lisa Stein, Linda Dowden, Dorothy Woodridge; set-up - Joe Scott, Buck Dowden, Jim Eldridge, Russell Tritico, Bill Stein, Glen Dowden; security - Glen Dowden; registration - Buck Dowden; exhibits - Russell and Elaine Tritico.

Glen Dowden gave the program on "Silver - It's Industrial Uses." He showed several examples including a silver goblet, art bars, silver rounds, jewelry and guns. Other uses were noted - dentistry and silverware.

George May conducted the auction.  
- **William H. Stein, Sec.**

Plans were discussed for the June 25-26 coin show to be sponsored by **Greater Orange Coin Club** at Orange House Inn during the March meeting. Extensive publicity was the main topic discussed.

Al Hardy gave a program on numismatic books from his personal library. Some in his possession are no longer in print. He discussed in detail a book by Wayne Miller entitled "An Analysis of Morgan and Peace Dollars."

Door prize winners were Lucy Canter, Chris Boehme, Mary Mires, John Hicks, Becky Scott, Ski Bilowich and Buck Dowden. - **Lucy Canter, Sec.**

Members of **Greater Beaumont Coin Club** are seeking a location to hold the annual coin show this fall. John Brown has been scouting for a place.

Steve Pecora gave a program on "What Coins Are Made Of." He illustrated his talk with a lighted board containing ten different coins, each with different alloys.

Winning door prizes were Brown, Bill Stein, Buck Dowden, George Fortune, Lisa Stein and Sid King. - **Linda Dowden, Sec.**

## FACTS

### OBVERSE & REVERSE

The side of a numismatic item which bears the principal design or device, often as prescribed by the issuing authority is known as the obverse. The reverse is the side opposite to that on which the head or principal figure is impressed.



A planchet is a disc of metal or other material on which the dies of the coin, token or medal are impressed; also called blanc, disc, flan.



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THE STORY BEHIND THE COIN  
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The 1-2-3 and 4 Pfennings were struck in copper from 1841 to 1860. They are easily obtainable and uncirculated issues can be purchased at prices not exceeding \$15.00. The one half and one silver Groschen were in billon and struck from 1841 to 1860, with the 2 1/2 silver Groschen from 1842 to 1860. Uncirculated issues sell for under \$25.

A 1 1/6 Thaler (4 Groschen) in .521 fine silver was minted from 1841 to 1860 and range in price from \$30 to \$60 in uncirculated condition. The one Thaler, in .750 silver, was issued from 1841 to 1861 and sells for \$30 to \$175 uncirculated. The .900 silver 2 Thaler, minted from 1841 to 1859, can be purchased in the price range of \$125 to \$550.

The one half Krone was struck only in 1858 of .900 fine gold and uncirculated

issues cost in the neighborhood of \$2500. The one Krone, in .900 gold was issued from 1858 to 1860, and are priced at \$1500 to \$2000 in uncirculated condition. Trade coins in .900 gold were minted from 1841 to 1855. The 1/2, 1 and 2 Frederick D'Or are valued at \$700 to \$2000 in uncirculated.

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FROM THE TREASURER —  
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## Outlook - South America

In 1886, the discovery of gold led to an economic revolution, which by the turn of the century, drew South Africa into the full stream of world economic development enabling it to dominate the world gold supply situation in the 20th century. Even after decreasing production from a peak of just over 1,000 metric tons in 1970 to 658 tons in 1981 (about 32 million down to 21 million troy ounces), its 1981 gold output accounted for about 70% of the free world's mine production and for about 52% of total world production.

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## CNA ANNOUNCES NEW EXHIBIT HANDBOOK

The Canadian Numismatic Association has announced the completion of a handbook titled *Exhibits and Judging in Numismatics*.

The 54-page booklet provides a comprehensive study on the design and set-up of numismatic displays, exhibit research, originality, photography and judging organization. Special chapters also feature the duties of an exhibit chairman, responsibilities of the Head Judge and the rationale of the current CNA judging system.

In short, the booklet is the only available source at present which summarizes basically everything one needs to know in planning a numismatic display. Four pages are devoted to actual display case layouts.

Paul Johnson, CNA Ontario director and member of the Education Committee, and Ted Banning, coin columnist of the Toronto Globe and Mail newspaper,

edited the material while Johnson served as co-ordinator of the project. Fifteen top experts in the field of exhibiting and judging contributed in-depth papers toward the success of this booklet.

This project is in keeping with CNA emphasis and desire toward numismatic education. Exhibits are often, and usually should be, the highlight of any numismatic convention. The prime reasons for exhibiting are: to show numismatic material; to develop research skills; to expand creative imagination and to learn more about the different collecting interests.

The booklet is a valuable aid to numismatists planning a display and available for \$3.00 postpaid. Copies may be purchased from: Canadian Numismatic Association, Box 26, Barrie, Ontario, L4M 4T2 Canada.

### FUTURE TNA CONVENTIONS

#### EVENTS CALENDAR —

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## STRENGTH OF GOLD

When the late Prime Minister of England, Winston Churchill was giving his "Blood, Sweat, and Tears" speeches in 1940, he was simultaneously secretly shipping gold from the banks in England to Canada for safekeeping. Down through the centuries, in war and in peace, in good times and in bad, gold has always had tangibility and a store of value.

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## US AIR FORCE & USPS TO TEST MAIL STAMP

The U.S. Air Force has agreed to help the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) evaluate an official mail stamp (OMS) for possible government-wide use. The OMS is intended to replace the "Postage and Fees Paid" indicia mail used by most government agencies. Although 90 percent of Air Force mail is sent with postage meters and permit imprints, many small Air Force activities still use indicia mail. Indicia mail is accounted for by a Postal Service random sample.

Many government agencies, including the Air Force, are looking for a more accurate way to pay for this mail. The USPS will issue OMSs in 1-cent to \$5 denominations, 13-cent cards, and 20-cent envelopes. Used in conjunction with official postage meters, permit imprints, and business reply mail, the OMS would allow agencies to pay exactly what they owe for official mail costs.

The test will determine what impact procuring, controlling and using the OMS has upon a small activity. The Air Force was asked to conduct the test because our official mail management program is the Department of Defense's best. The

Department of Agriculture will also be testing the OMS on its official mail. (Reprinted From The Inspector General, March 1983. Submitted by Ray Whyborn, San Antonio.)

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## FROM THE SECRETARY —

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New Baden, TX. 77870. U.S. coins. John Huntley.

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## TIM'S KOIN KORNER

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the hair was shaven and grows at a known rate, they were able to tell when every dose was given.

A study of all the people with Napoleon indicated that it was the wine steward named Montholon, who was on order from the King of France who feared that Napoleon would regain his power. He died on May 5, 1821. Nineteen years later his body was moved and the casket opened. They expected to see a skeleton, but his body was perfectly preserved. His face had changed less in the 19 years than the persons gazing at him. Arsenic prevents tissue from decomposing. A human corpse decays much slower if the person was exposed to chronic arsenic poisoning.

Next time I'll write about Napoleon III, who also appears on many French coins.



## **BRITAIN HAS NEW ONE POUND COINS**

Britain's new one pound coins, struck by the British Royal Mint in nickel-brass, are now available to North American collectors. The reverse design features Britain's ancient and honored Royal Coat of Arms, while the obverse bears the familiar Machin portrait of H. M. Queen Elizabeth II. The edge inscription (the first ever on a milled edge) bears the motto DECUS ET TUTAMEN - "An Ornament and a Safeguard."

Inquiries regarding the coins should be addressed to the British Royal Mint, % Barclays Bank of New York, Box 2570, New York, NY 10163, or by calling toll-free 1-800-221-1215, except New York State residents.

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### **COMMEMORATIVE HONORS**

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into giving him lessons at night after the day's work was done. Despite numerous obstacles, Washington managed to accomplish his goal: that of enrolling in a small school. Later on, he would enroll at Hampton Institute and a new page in history would be written. His efforts would one day help elevate his race through education as he helped to organize the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama.

Because of Washington's accomplishments in education, Harvard University conferred an honorary degree on him in 1896. He was the first black man to receive this honor from the most renowned university in the United States.

The U.S. honored him for his contributions to his people and his country in

several ways. Besides the 1946-1951 U.S. half dollar coin, another was issued in 1951 honoring both Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver. In 1940, a 10-cent commemorative stamp was issued honoring famous American educators. Washington was one of five honored. Finally, in 1956, Washington was once again honored with a second stamp. This three-cent stamp was issued commemorating the centennial of Booker T. Washington.

A man of vision and accomplishments, the world is a better place for his having passed through it.

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The first history of paper money being used, was when Marco Polo visited China in the 13th century. The notes were printed on mulberry paper by Kubla Khan. Counterfeiters in those days were punished by having their heads chopped off. The first counterfeiter of minted money is said to have been none other than Emperor Nero.

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1826  
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